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Fig. 1.

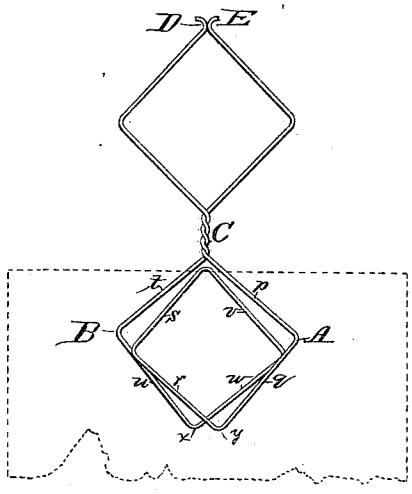


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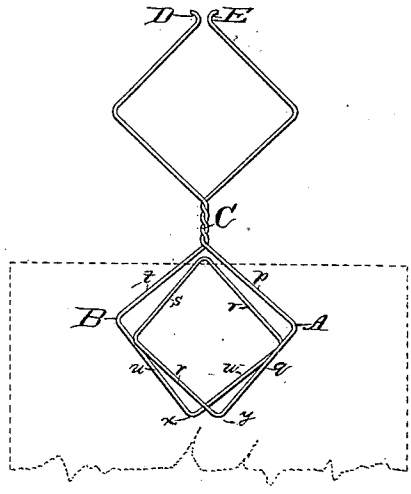
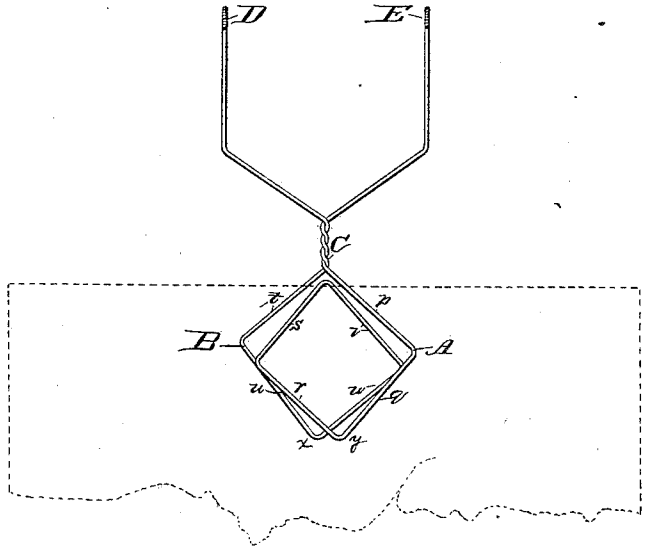


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD D. ROCKWELL, of Bristol, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a certain new and useful Clip or Paper-Holder, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The object of my invention is to provide a convenient card-holder, blotter-holder, or paper-holder adapted to be hung up on a pin or hook of a desk or the like, and at the same time so light that a blotter or other thing held by it need not be detached from it for use.

I make my improved clip of a single piece of wire by bending it and forming each jaw of the clip, then twisting the ends of the wire together to form a shank, and afterward forming their ends projecting beyond the twist into any desired species of hook or eyelet to suspend the clip from.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of one form of my wire clip. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the eyelet opened at the top, and Fig. 3 a modified form.

Referring to the letters upon the drawings, A indicates one jaw of my wire clip, formed of the parts *p q r s*. B indicates the other jaw of the clip, formed of the parts *t u v w*. These jaws are not exactly opposite each other, but overlap a little at their lower ends, so that they can be more readily wedged open by pushing something between them to be held.

C indicates the wire twist forming a shank, and D and E the ends of the wires, which may be formed into diamond shape, as shown in Fig. 1, leaving an eyelet-opening for suspending the clip, or may be branched and provided with hooks, as shown in Fig. 3, or otherwise formed, as convenience may suggest, the essential thing being to form a catch of ordinary kind by which to suspend the clip. When the clip is made with an eyelet-opening, as shown in Fig. 1, it may be pulled off from a nail or hook easily without detaching the thing held by the clamp from it, the branches of the wire yielding for the purpose, as indicated in Fig. 2. The points *x* and *y* of the jaws are not opposite each other, and a card or piece of paper can therefore more readily be placed between the jaws.

I thus produce a very cheap, light, and convenient clip, which, being made of small wire of suitable resilient quality, does not cover up any writing or printed matter upon papers held by it so much as to prevent reading it while the clip holds the paper.

What I claim is—

A clip or holder for paper, blotters, &c., formed of a single piece of wire bent so as to form clamping-jaws A and B, which overlap each other at their lower ends, as described, then twisted to form a shank C, and then the branch ends of the wire formed into a suitable suspending-catch, substantially as set forth.

In testimony of all which I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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